

## THE PASSING THROG.

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L. S. Catlett, of St. Paul, is European buyer for a large drygoods house in Chicago. He returned from a trip to Europe Saturday on the St. Paul, speaking of the present state of public opinion in England. Catlett said yesterday at the war

London the English were very arrogant, not only my concient, about the length of time the war would last. In the Alhambra or one of the other music halls, there then had a large map of the world, and one of the songs, which showed the Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, Rhodesia, etc. Dutch flags were placed upon it to show the position of the Boer forces and Union Jacks to designate that of the British. Every night a typical "Tommy Atkins" would march out from the wings with his little round cocked over one eye and a tremendous swagger. He would march with a supercilious air, and for a moment, would puff out his chest with disdainful air, and throwing it on the stage, would say "There, that's the Boer, that's the Boer," supposed to indicate the progress of the British forces for the previous twenty-four hours, as the Boer would say "There, that's the British, that's the British" while I sympathize with the British the Boer is the friend of the soldier who manipulated the programme. I have never seen a Boer, but I can say that in that music hall, this particular Boer played a very good part. The number on the programme has now been given as 1000.

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CALL TO DR. PURVES SIGNED

The members of the General Committee of the 15th Avenue Presbyterian Church met yesterday.

ay immediately after the morning service for the purpose of signing the call to the Rev. I. George T. Purves. The General Committee made up of the trustees, elders and representa-

... of the trustees, elders and representatives of the congregation, and as several of the trustees were unable to be present at the congregation meeting on Wednesday evening last, a meeting of the committee was necessary in order to complete the signatures to the call. Matters affecting the future of the church were also discussed, but not made public, and arrangements made for the presentation of the call to the trustees.

Although the members of the committee would not state on what day the special committee was appointed last Wednesday to convey the invitation to Dr. Purves would go to Princeton, it was learned that Wednesday was the day a letter was sent. It was learned that the committee will proceed to Princeton on Wednesday morning, will meet Dr. Purves at his home and will personally acquaint him of the action taken by the congregation last week.

Whether or not Dr. Purves will announce his resignation on Friday is not known, but the belief is general and well substantiated that he will accept the call.

The Rev. Dr. Simon J. McPherson, of Latencyville, N. J., conducted the services in the church yesterday.

TRYING TO SAVE ACCUSED CLERKS.

POWERFUL INFLUENCES USED IN VAIN IN HAVANA.

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—Every influence is being brought to bear to stop the proceedings against the custom house appraisers now under arrest on charges of fraud. The judges, the Supreme court, fiscal and many other important officials are related to the persons under suspicion. General Wood says that if the appraisers are guilty they must be punished, no matter who is hurt by their relationship to the judges is such as to disqualify the latter from giving them an impartial trial, a judge or judges from some other province will be assigned to try them. General Wood declares that, if judges decline to perform their duties, they will be impeached in Cuba just as they would be anywhere else.

The "Patria," commenting upon General Wood's remarks at the farewell dinner to General Brooke, says:

It was a most satisfactory speech, and  
pleasing military simplicity. Obviously the  
United States Government intends to fulfill  
the terms of the joint resolution, and General Wo  
the man selected as the instrument for th  
task.

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**LOSS OF \$100,000 BY FIRE IN ICE HOUSE**  
Grand Haven, Mich., Dec. 24.—The mammoth  
Ice Company